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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 NACIM BOUCHTIA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
STATE,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-00838-JNW

STAY ORDER

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14 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to
15 extend any responsive pleading deadline to August 12, 2025, and temporarily stay
16 this case. Dkt. No. 5.

17 In this Court, "[p]arties may agree to extend the time for a defendant to
18 answer or otherwise respond to a complaint. So long as the parties agree to an
19 extension, there's no need to file a stipulation with the Court." § 5.3, Chambers
20 Procedures – Civil (<https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/whitehead-chambers>). As
21 such, the parties' request to extend the answer deadline is needless. Nevertheless,
22 the Court GRANTS the request.

1 As for the stay motion, “the power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power
2 inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with
3 economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am.*
4 *Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). In determining whether a stay is appropriate, the Court
5 must weigh various interests, including: (1) the possible damage to result from granting
6 the stay; (2) the hardship to the parties if the suit proceeds; and (3) the “orderly course
7 of justice measured in terms of the simplifying or complicating of issues, proof, and
8 questions of law which could be expected to result from a stay.” *Lockyer v. Mirant Corp.*,
9 398 F.3d 1098, 1110 (9th Cir. 2005).

10 Weighing the claims made in the parties’ stipulation against the relevant factors,
11 the Court finds that a stay will likely advance judicial economy by facilitating dispute
12 resolution without the needless expenditure of time and resources on litigation. As
13 such, the Court GRANTS the request for a stay and STAYS this action in its entirety.

14 Finally, as proposed by the parties, the Court DIRECTS the parties, by no later
15 than August 12, 2025, to file a “joint status report apprising this Court regarding
16 resolution efforts, or alternatively propos[ing] a briefing schedule for resolution, if
17 needed.” *See* Dkt. No. 5 at 1.

18 It is so ORDERED.

19 Dated this 13th day of June, 2025.

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21 Jamal N. Whitehead
22 United States District Judge
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